Transfer of coaches

2572. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mass-scale transfers of coaches of Sports Authority of India has resulted in wide spread resentment amongst them, if so, whether this state of affairs will not adversely affect country's prospects in the coming Commonwealth Games of 2010;

(b) what steps have been taken to identify, nurture and suitably train young talented potential medal winners; and

(c) by when the Sports Authority of India would settle its "in-house" problems and fully gear itself for meeting the challenges ahead?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) With a view to strengthening the ongoing sports promotional schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) and its programmes, coaches under SAI have been redeployed. It is expected that this exercise will improve India's preparation for international sports events including Commonwealth Games 2010.

(b) The Government of India, through various schemes of SAI, augments the efforts of State Governments in promotion of sports and for improving performances at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior levels.

Induction of sportspersons under various schemes of the SAI is done on the basis of selection trials conducted on all India basis in which talented children from Rural and Tribal areas also take part. The selected trainees in these centres are trained by coaches to achieve excellence at National & International levels.

(c) Shortcomings if found at any stage are redressed immediately. This is a continuous process.

Facilities for Commonwealth Games

2573. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to accommodate a large number of visitors during the Commonwealth Games in Delhi;